

GERMAN WARSHIPS OPEN FIRE

THREE BRITISH SHIPS ARE HIT

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RAIDERS SOON RETREAT

Three Successive Attacks by Germans on New French Positions at Verdun Fail.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, April 25.—German battle cruisers appeared off Lowestoft Tuesday.

Local naval forces engaged the raiders and also British light cruisers. The German warship retreated in twenty minutes.

The German warships opened fire on the coast before departing. Two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage apparently was small.

In the engagement two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit but none of them was sunk.

The following official announcement was made:

"At about 4:30 o'clock Tuesday morning the German cruiser squadron accompanied by light cruisers and destroyers appeared off Lowestoft. The local naval forces engaged it and in about twenty minutes it returned to Germany, chased by our light cruisers and destroyers.

"On shore two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage seems to have been insignificant so far as is known at present. Two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit but none was sunk."

Lowestoft is on the North sea coast about 100 miles to the northeast of London. It is almost opposite The Hague.

On previous occasions attacks have been made on the English coast during the daytime by German warships. The most important raid was made December 16, 1914. The towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool, about 150 miles north of Lowestoft, were bombed and about 130 persons were killed. Aided by fog the German vessels escaped.

On January 24, 1915, a further attempt of the kind was made but the German squadron was met off Doggerbank by the British battle cruiser squadron under Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty. On being sighted the Germans made for home at high speed.

Their rear ship, the Blücher, was sunk and two other cruisers were set on fire and damaged severely. The British flagship Lion was disabled by a shot in one of its feed tanks and was towed home.

Six bombs were dropped on Dunkirk Tuesday morning. A woman was killed and three men wounded.

GERMAN AEROPLANES IN ATTACK ON SALONIKI

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PARIS, April 25.—A squadron of German aeroplanes has delivered another attack on the entrenched camp of the Entente Allies at Saloniki, according to a Havas despatch from Saloniki Tuesday, the aeroplanes flying over the camp from all directions.

Little damage was done by the raiders according to the despatch.

Aside from this aerial activity there was calm along the front.

BRITISH WARSHIPS MAKE AN ATTACK ON GERMANY

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, April 25.—An attack on German positions on the Belgian coast by British warships is reported in a despatch from Amsterdam. The bombardment is described as one of the heaviest in this region during the war.

The despatch says the following message has been received in Amsterdam from Flushing:

"Several British warships, accompanied by destroyers and other vessels, Monday bombarded Zeebrugge and the German batteries of Heyst, Blankenburg and Knocke. The bombardment was one of the heaviest since the beginning of the war and also of the longest duration.

"The damage done at Zeebrugge is said to have been great. The harbor and docks were hit several times and some ships were sunk.

"British aircraft also threw bombs on German batteries."

THIEVES NOT FOUND.

Rosa F. Stout's bloodhounds, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Laoc Wolfe, late Monday afternoon failed to find trace of thieves who stole a lot of well drilling paraphernalia belonging to Schaeffer Brothers at Barnett stop on the Weston car line. The trail was too old when the hounds were put on it.

EDITOR HOLT TO SPEAK AT SALEM

Noted Writer and Thinker to Discourse on World Federation at College.

Dr. Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, of New York, is to deliver a lecture as a number of a lecture course at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night in the auditorium of Salem College at Salem. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear what this nationally prominent man has to say.

Dr. Holt is admirably equipped for the task of lecturing on "The Federation of the World," for under his direction The Independent during the last decade has printed more in a constructive way on international peace and that movement which would substitute law for war than any other American periodical of general literature.

Dr. Holt is thoroughly conversant with the history and philosophy of the peace movement, which is at last becoming a practical political issue—soon the political issue of the age. He is personally acquainted with many of the world's peace workers, and is one of the founders of the New York Peace Society and a member of its executive committee; a member of the executive committee of the First National Arbitration and Peace Congress, held in New York City, May, 1907—"the greatest unofficial gathering ever held in America"—and Chairman of its press committee; an official representative from the state of New York, appointed by Governor Charles E. Hughes, to the second National Arbitration and Peace Congress, held at Chicago, May, 1909, a speaker there and a

A GRAVE DISTURBANCE BREAKS OUT IN DUBLIN

SURPRISED

At Growth of Clarksburg is John H. Kinnaird, Absent Seventeen Years.

John H. Kinnaird, U. S. A., brother of C. M. Kinnaird, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. Kinnaird had not been here for seventeen years, and he is astonished and much pleased over the progress and advancement of the city. In 1899 he enlisted in the United States volunteers, and served honorably in that capacity for two years, after which he was given a commission in the naval auxiliary service, as paymaster. He is now serving under the command of Captain George Worley, of the United States ship Cyclops.

Captain Worley has placed in service seven different new ships since 1900, due to his strict disciplinary ability and tact.

Mr. Kinnaird will visit friends and relatives at Marietta, O., before returning to duty.

STATE MILITIA

Is Being Prepared for a Call to Go to the Westinghouse Strike Zone.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PITTSBURGH, April 25.—That the Pennsylvania national guard may be called to preserve order in the Westinghouse strike zone was indicated Tuesday when Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart directed the commanders of the Tenth and Eighteenth Infantry regiments and a troop of cavalry to prepare to mobilize. The order was only for the commanders of the three organizations to prepare for a call, which includes the notifying of officers and men and the examination of equipment.

The Eighteenth and the cavalry troop are Pittsburgh organizations, but the Tenth is scattered in Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington counties. Only the governor can order out the guard.

DEATH WARRANTS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) HARRISBURG, Pa., April 25.—Governor Brumbaugh has issued death warrants for an electrocution of Charles Douglas and Andrew Beeze, Westmoreland county murderers, for the week of May 22.

FINED FOR FIGHTING.

John Boggey was fined \$8.60 in police court Tuesday morning for fighting, and John Muscarega, alleged to have been the other participant in the affray, was fined in default of a fine of the same amount. The two men were arrested by Officer Foltz.

MORE RUSSIANS ARRIVE.

MARSEILLE, France, April 25.—Another contingent of Russian troops arrived here Tuesday morning.

BOMBS DROPPED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, April 25.—Seventy bombs were dropped in Monday night's Zeppelin raid. One man was injured. Four or five Zeppelins, the official press bureau says, took part in the raid.

INFIDELS ARE SHOWN TO BE GREAT FOOLS

Evangelist Hawkins Takes Some of Their Own Words and Proves Them Such.

Interest in the revival meetings being held in the Central Christian church is increasing, as evidenced by the large crowds which nightly gather to listen to the able sermons being preached by Evangelist Samuel R. Hawkins. The subject of the evangelist's sermon last night was "The Folly of Unbelief." He said in part:

"There is no greater folly than infidelity. The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the anti-Christ, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever goeth onward, and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth both the Father and the Son, he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.—Mark 16:16.

"The folly of unbelief is evident from the fact that it is a negation. All negative forces and environments are conducive to death or destruction. A vacuum is a negative environment; nothing can live in a vacuum. Darkness is a negative environment, and is conducive to death. Frigidity is the negative of heat and tends to death. Sickness is the negative of soundness and conducive to death; counterfeit money is the negative of sound money and is evil and destructive of confidence and morals. Immorality is the negative of morality, and destructive of life and character. Unbelief is the negative of belief and is destructive.

"No great business enterprise was ever promoted through unbelief. No home was ever made stable and peaceful and prosperous through unbelief and infidelity.

"Hence, it is scientifically true as well as scripturally so, that the 'wages of sin is death,' and that he that 'disbelieveth shall be damned.'"

"Infidelity is insincere, and for that reason a great folly.

"As the mother of David Hume, the noted English infidel philosopher, was nearing her end, she said: 'My son, you have taken away my religion, now tell me something to comfort me.' This was a confession that the promises of infidelity had in her case proved deceptive, and left her comfortless at the time she was most in need of comfort.

"Voltaire was doubtless the most brilliant skeptic or infidel whom the Christian centuries have produced. He wrote more than a hundred books in his battle against the Bible, and Christianity. Yet his dying words were: 'I must die a better man than I was born.' This was a bitter confession no doubt; but nevertheless shows he passed from the stage of earthly activity sorely conscious of the fact that infidelity was a failure and by it he had lost his all. It is also a well established fact that Tom Paine, author of the 'Age of Reason,' repented on his death bed, promising God that if he was spared he would write another book in defense of the Bible and Christianity and seek to undo the evil of his first book.

"Infidelity is inconsistent, inhuman, immoral."

Tonight the Rev. Mr. Hawkins will preach on "The Destiny of the Unbeliever."

ALIENISTS TO TESTIFY.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, April 25.—The temporary insanity plea of Mrs. Ida Smith Rogers, on trial for the murder of her two children whom she poisoned, will be opposed by the state through testimony of alienists.

It developed unexpectedly Tuesday when the prosecution announced that it will reopen its case after having rested Monday.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ARE THROWN INTO JAIL

Following a Riot between Their Organization and the United Mine Workers.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WILKES BARRE, Pa., April 25.—Following a riot Tuesday at the colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Boston Settlement, state troopers arrested thirty-six members of the Industrial Workers of the World. The prisoners were immediately sent to the county jail.

The riot occurred between the Industrial Workers of the World and United Mine Workers of America. Several shots were fired and there was seriously injured. There has been much friction between the members of the Industrial Workers of the World and the United

FURTHER HEARING.

Further hearing in the petition of the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company to the public service commission for permission to change its rates to consumers will be held here Friday before E. F. Morgan, of the service commission.

FRED MERRICK IS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Along with Another Striker, a Former Editor of Socialist Newspaper is Arrested.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PITTSBURGH, April 25.—Efforts of pickets to prevent 2,000 or 3,000 workmen from entering the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, where a strike is in progress, Tuesday morning, resulted in disorder similar to that of Monday. The deputy sheriffs and railroad officers on guard at the plant had been heavily re-enforced during the night and when the pickets linked hands and charged the bridges leading to the entrances, they were met by determined resistance. No one was seriously hurt.

Fred Merrick, former editor of a Socialist newspaper here and recognized as one of the strike leaders, was arrested on the Cable avenue bridge with another striker, when it is alleged, they refused to obey the orders of the deputies to move on. The men were brought to Pittsburgh, where they will be given a hearing later in the day.

Leaders of the men declare they have not abandoned the plant to bring out the employees of the other Westinghouse plants making war munitions and another attempt will be made Tuesday afternoon.

Steve Benevise, a striker, was sentenced to ten days in jail by J. M. Bowman, justice of the peace at Wilmerding, after being arrested as a suspicious person near one of the bridges against which threats of dynamiting had been heard.

The electric company announced that demands of the men had been received, but that no action had been taken on them.

It was learned Tuesday afternoon that instead of taking Merrick before an alderman, deputies took him to the office of Sheriff George W. Richards, where he was questioned concerning alleged incendiary utterances in a speech he made to the strikers Monday. Later he was released and returned to East Pittsburgh.

POLICEMAN KILLED IN A PISTOL BATTLE

Is Still On in the Pittsburg District and Officers Are Marking Time.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PITTSBURGH, April 25.—Officials of the United Mine Workers and of the Pittsburg Coal Company marked time Tuesday in the strike, which last Saturday called 25,000 bituminous coal miners from the pits because the advance provided in the New York agreement had not been paid. Although it was stated Monday that the strike would end quickly no efforts would be made Tuesday to reach that conclusion. There has been no disorder at the mines.

WATSON CASE

Against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company About Ready to Go to Jury.

Attorneys in the case of George J. Watson against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for damages for the loss of an arm, caused by being struck by a passenger train, are arguing the same in the federal court here and the case will reach the jury some time during the evening. The \$10,000 damage suit brought by Thomas Vernon, administrator of Anna Vernon, a child killed at Hutchinson by a train, against the same railroad company will be placed on trial at the conclusion of the Watson trial.

SEEKING A CLUE OF HIDING SPOT

Are Some American Troopers Who Are Scouring the Mountains at Present.

MISSION OF OBREGON

Mexican General Will Tell Scott That Carranza is Able to Cope with Villa.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) COLUMBUS, N. M., April 25.—Activities have been resumed by the American expeditionary command in Mexico, according to reports reaching here Tuesday. The movements in the main, it was stated, have been only those necessary to keep the line of communication intact.

It was said also that while most of General Pershing's advanced detachments have been drawn back to the main columns some of them are scouring the mountains north and west of Parral, particularly in an attempt to run down a clue that Villa is in hiding in the vicinity of Noava. No Americans, however, it was pointed out, are operating in the territory beyond Parral.

GENERAL OBREGON TO GIVE ASSURANCES

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) EL PASO, April 25.—Assurances that the defacto government of Mexico is prepared to cope with Villa bands in northern Chihuahua are expected to be made by General Obregon, minister of war of the Carranza government, at his coming conference here with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army.

General Obregon, it was learned in Mexican official circles here Tuesday, will reveal his plan for poling the northern Mexican country in detail in the hope that they will prove acceptable to General Scott. Should the plans be deemed adequate by General Scott, the defacto government will again renew its request of the American government that its troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the Mexico defacto government, departed from San Luis Potosi, Tuesday, for Juarez, for his conference with General Scott and Panaman once with General Scott and Panaman of the United States army, according to a despatch received from him Tuesday by General Gayria, commander of the Juarez garrison.

FORTNEY FUNERAL

Services Held at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lumberport Tuesday.

Mrs. Laverna Fortney, aged 56, of Jones's run died at 3:30 Monday afternoon in a local hospital following an illness of gall stones and jaundice. Mrs. Fortney was recently operated upon for gall stones, and was recovering nicely when jaundice developed and caused her death.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are C. G. Fortney, of Pittsburgh, and Forest R. Fortney, of Jones run, sons; Mrs. J. M. Coffield, of Jones run, and Mrs. W. H. Harbert, of Jones run, daughters. Mrs. T. P. Martin, of Heppzibah, daughters. W. E. and C. L. McCarty, are brothers and Mrs. E. R. Fortney, Mrs. V. G. Griffin and Mrs. Belle Boggess, sisters.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church at Lumberport and the burial was in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Lumberport.

CHEERFUL SPIRIT

Is Shown by Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to America.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, April 25.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who has been in this city for the last few days, was expected to return to Washington on an afternoon train. At his hotel he declined to say to newspapermen whether he had received advice from his government bearing on the American note. His questioners found him, however, in seemingly cheerful spirits.

"The only thing I can suggest to you gentlemen is that you get into communication with President Wilson," he said with a smile.

FILE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

J. W. Dawson filed announcement Wednesday of his candidacy on the Republican ticket for justice of the peace, and Ray Newlon filed his res-constable on the same ticket and in the same district.

DAUGHTER IS BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Long, of 134 Williams street, Broad Oaks, are the proud parents of a big girl baby born Tuesday at St. Mary's hospital. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to John Lowe and Bridget Maske.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) BERLIN, April 25.—Heavy fighting has been in progress for positions near Dead Man's hill, northeast of Verdun, the war office announced Tuesday. The French advanced in waves against the German trenches but were driven back under the fire of infantry.